

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (currently amended): The method according to claim 29, wherein the step of inserting a fully charged battery module into the electric powered vehicle comprises ~~the step of:~~

sliding the battery module including a fully charged battery into the battery module compartment; and

closing the access door attached to the chassis to seal the battery module compartment.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of recharging the depleted battery module.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A method of replacing a battery module of an electric powered vehicle, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing electric powered vehicles, each electric powered vehicle, comprising:

a chassis defining a battery module compartment, and

a battery module insertable into the battery module compartment of the chassis,

whereby the battery module completes the chassis upon insertion into the battery module compartment thereby providing the chassis with required structural integrity necessary to support the electric powered vehicle during travel;

providing a service facility for the electric powered vehicles;

providing the service facility with a plurality of battery modules and a system for charging the battery modules;

opening the service facility to drivers owning the electric powered vehicles, whereby a driver having an electric powered vehicle with a depleted battery module enters the service facility;

removing the depleted battery module from the electric powered vehicle, thereby removing a portion of the chassis for the electric powered vehicle;

inserting a fully charged battery module into the electric powered vehicle, thereby completing the chassis of the electric powered vehicle and providing the chassis with required structural integrity necessary to support the electric powered vehicle during travel; and

charging the driver for the fully charged battery module.

Claim 28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (currently amended): The method according to claim 28, wherein the step of removing the depleted battery module from the electric powered vehicle comprises ~~the steps of:~~

opening an access door attached to the chassis to expose the battery module compartment; and

sliding the depleted battery module from within the battery module compartment.